



Creating a Safer Montana (PREA)

CFDA: 16.735

Type: Competitive

Program Summary

This is a US Department of Justice grant under the solicitation title “Protecting Inmates and Safeguarding Communities,” provided under Public Law 108-79 The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA). The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 requires agencies (correctional and law enforcement authorities with responsibility for the operation of confinement facilities) to take a zero tolerance stance toward the sexual abuse of people in confinement and comply with the national standards that follow in order to eliminate it. PREA provides the opportunity for the Montana Department of Corrections (MDOC), over time, to address the detection, prevention, and elimination of sexual assaults in MDOC facilities, contracted facilities, and programs. In response to PREA, MDOC has implemented a zero tolerance policy towards sexual assault for all MDOC facilities, contracted facilities, and programs. In addition, with the funding granted under “*Protecting Inmates and Safeguarding Communities*,” MDOC has created the project, *Creating a Safer Montana*. *Creating a Safer Montana*, reflects the goals and steps necessary to eliminate sexual assault in all MDOC facilities, contracted facilities, and programs.

The current objectives for this program include:

- Implementation and compliance of final MDOC PREA policy revisions in all MDOC facilities, contracted facilities, and programs
- PREA standard compliance in MDOC facilities, contracted facilities, and programs
- Installation of PREA cameras and software at Montana State Prison and Montana Women’s Prison
- Training of staff, contract staff, volunteers, and offenders on PREA and MDOC sexual abuse policies in all MDOC facilities, contracted facilities, and programs
- Implementation of offender PREA intake packets for probationers and parolees
- Implementation of offender PREA reporting hotline
- Provide education and training on PREA to community stakeholders and other non-state operated correctional facilities

Award Date	Federal Amount	State Match	De-obligation Date
7/1/2006	\$442,364.00	\$442,364.00	6/30/2009

Federal funds are allocated as follows:

- 46% Equipment, such as cameras and monitoring devices
- 31% Personnel
- 13% Travel
- 10% Supplies and indirect costs

Resources

US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/Protecting_Inmates.html

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